

BUILDING ACTIVITY IN EASTERN CONNECTICUT

SOUTH MANCHESTER.

Fight Room School Building To Be Erected.

At a special meeting of the advisory committee appointed by the Ninth School District to consider plans for the Westside school, it was voted to recommend the erection of an eight-room building, instead of the shell of a 16-room building, with eight rooms finished, as was previously contemplated. They report that the cost of the eight-room building will be \$44,000, with an additional cost of \$44,000 for eight rooms later, making a total of \$88,000. The cost of the 16-room building, with eight rooms complete, would be \$100,000, with a cost of finishing the additional rooms later of \$19,000, making a total of \$119,000. It is not expected that the additional rooms will be needed for 10 years, and the interest on the additional amount would amount to nearly \$10,000, with a saving of only \$300 in the construction. An appropriation of \$15,000 will be asked in addition to the \$50,000 to complete the building. Plans were prepared by Architect Frank Farley of New York.

Four New Buildings.

Bids have been received for the four new buildings to be erected by Cheney Bros. in South Manchester, to be used by the Ninth School District. The plans provide for a library building, 145x30 feet, one story high and basement, fronting on Wells street. It will have a large dome in the center and reading rooms at each end, with a large amount of ornamental plaster work in the decorations. There will be two school buildings, a primary building fronting on Line street and a vocational building in the rear connected by an arcade. These buildings will each be 70x176 feet, two stories high and basement. A recreation building, 62x113 feet, two stories high will also be included. This will have a swimming pool, bowling alleys, locker room, and laundry in the basement, a dance hall, reading room and smoking room on the first floor and club rooms and a gymnasium on the second floor. All of the buildings will be brick with stone trim, copper, tin, slate and gravel roofing, steam heat and electric wiring. An arcade will connect the two school buildings with the library and a tunnel will connect the school buildings with the gymnasium.

CHESTER.

Work will soon be started on an addition to the plant of Bates & Sons, manufacturers of manure goods. Two buildings are to be erected, one a two-story structure, 30x70 feet, of brick, and the other a one-story building, 25x25 feet, of brick, to be used for the forging department.

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FOUNDATIONS FOR COAL POCKETS

Spile Driver at Work On Central Wharf for Edward Chappell Co.—Plans Being Drawn for Elks' Home Addition—Progress on Other Contracts.

The work on the foundation for the new 4,500 ton coal pocket for the Chappell company at Central Wharf has been started and is progressing rapidly. Already a number of piles have been driven and the forms for the concrete mixture are now being placed by the carpenters. The piles are first driven into the ground and then a trench two or three feet wide and several feet deep is dug and the piles cut off close to the bottom of the trench. The forms are then erected around the piles in the trench and the concrete when poured into the forms will provide a solid foundation for the coal pocket. The coal pocket is to be located at the southeastern end of the wharf property and 35 feet northerly from the wharf line. It is to be constructed of timber along the most approved lines, supported upon concrete piers, which in turn are to be placed on the piling. The general dimensions of the coal pocket are to be 112 feet in length and 60 feet in width. In connection with the coal pocket there is to be a discharging outfit of the gaff and mast type. This is to be located at the lower corner of the pocket and near the east branch of the Yantic river, and will form the means by which coal barges are to be emptied of their cargoes. The engine will be located in the pocket 12 feet above ground.

The brick buildings formerly known as the stable and north and south buildings have been razed to the ground and will provide a space for the storing of soft coal. This is northerly from the new pocket, and runways will be provided to deliver the coal to the storage ground. What is known as the southern half of the Peck building has been changed over in to a modern stable and the interior work has now been started. The upper floor is to be used for the storing of lumber. The stable is to be provided with several entrances, and will be equipped in modern style. The stable will be cool in summer and warm in winter, adding materially to the comfort of the horses. The new lumber shed is now about completed, and is being used for the storing of lumber. It is 50x150 feet, two stories high and of brick construction. On each floor there are two big open rooms divided by a brick fire wall.

Addition to Elks' Home.
Cudworth & Woodworth are working on the plans for the addition to the quarters of the Norwich Lodge of Elks, No. 430, on Main street, and they are well along to completion.

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NEW LONDON.

What Some of the Contractors are Doing.

Contractor Joseph A. Dolan began Monday the erection of a brick addition in the rear of the Bee Hive stores, made necessary by the constantly increasing volume of business. The extension is to be located on the property owned by Mr. Goldsmith in the rear of the J. W. English store in main street and on the unoccupied space owned by Mr. Goldsmith and the Hobron heirs. The additional room which will thus be secured will be utilized to the best advantage to the convenience of patrons.

Bungalow at Beach.

The framework has been started for a second bungalow for Mr. and Mrs. Seymour Robinson of Albany at Ocean View place, Ocean Beach. The new cottage is being erected beside the one just completed.

Ocean Beach Work.

A three story house, owned by Dennis Heffernan, is being moved by the Redden Construction Co. from the Lenders estate to Bentley avenue. P. H. Fitzgerald has erected 22 new bathhouses on the front beach for season hire. The Neptune Park association has agreed to rebuild the old tennis and croquet grounds.

NIANTIC.

Parker & Beebe of New London have a force of men at work at Hillier's bathing pavilion at White beach installing a large pressure tank and shower bath system which ought to make the place very popular this summer. With the destruction of the Crescent park bathing houses by fire last fall the beach would be without any public bathing place this year except for Hillier's and to meet the demand Mr. Hillier is spending a large sum of money to make the place up to date in every way.

MIDDLETON.

The new residence which James O'Connor is erecting on Home avenue for Charles Brainerd, is now nearly ready for plastering. The new house which D. McKenzie is building on Home avenue for D. E. Davidson, is now enclosed. Mychrest Bros. have the contract for a brick chaffin with storage capacity of 4500 gallons, on West Long Hill, for Charles Davis. A pumping outfit will be installed.

PORTLAND.

The contract for the mason work and carpenter work in connection with the extensive alterations to the J. C. Wilson place in Portland, which was recently purchased by Joseph Porter have been let. It is a stone house and will have new windows installed, also fireplaces and other interior improvements.

ROCKVILLE.

Plans of Architect Ernest Flagg of New York city have been accepted for the new bank building to be erected on Park street for the Savings Bank of Rockville. It will be of Greek architecture and constructed of Indian limestone. It will make one of the most modern banking institutions of the State.

NOANK.

The house being built by Contractor William Patterson at West View for Fred Fitch of New Haven is in frame. This is to be a large and charmingly situated residence close to the trolley and having one of the most charming views imaginable.

HADDAM.

A vitrified terra cotta block silo is being constructed for E. W. Hadden in Haddam. It will be 14 feet in diameter and 34 feet high, with a concrete foundation.

STONINGTON.

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Contracts to June 24, 1910, \$1,988,000
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